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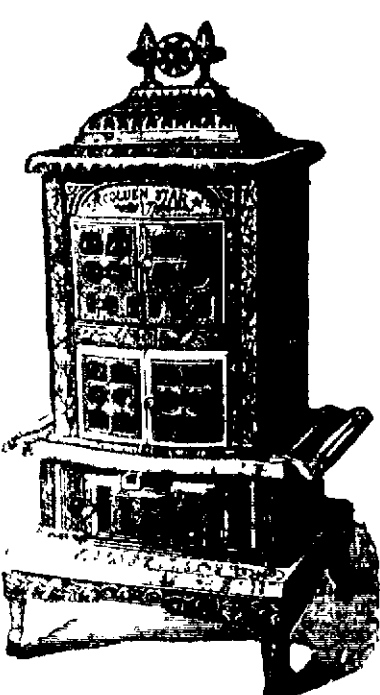
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places as coal may be used for city purposes.
Coal to be delivered at the several places where
consumed. The City Council reserves the
right to reject any and all bids.

C. M. DUFFEE, City Clerk.

Dec. 11-1884.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Anna Dickinson has passed the
forty-fourth milestone.

—John McCullough has earned over
one million dollars, and has sixty
thousand dollars left.

—Ex-Governor Bishop, of Ohio, once
a man of large wealth, is now engaged
in selling cigars by sample to retail
dealers.

—A Duxbury (Mass.) woman, sev-
enty years old, climbed a tree the other
day to escape from some horses that
frightened her.

—When the Margolis of Salisbury was
dined in Glasgow the other day they
had American oysters, over which great
fuss was made.

—A New York letter says that Mr.
Vanderbilt has admitted that he is
worth one hundred and ninety-four mil-
lions of dollars.

—The Pope is one of the busiest men
in Europe, and is constantly working
to late at night is completely taken
up by business and callers.

—Mrs. Sartoris, daughter of General
Grant, is again settled in her English
home. She entertains a great deal and
her father's army and navy friends are
frequently her guests.

—Dr. Hammond remarks: "Perhaps
there is no better test of a woman's
health and beauty than her appearance
at an early breakfast table. She is
then more at nature than at any other
period of the day."

—In Germany they don't call it the
honeymoon. They limit the period of
the newly married couple's bliss and
term it the "hitter-woche," literally the
"spangled week." The Germans
are a far-seeing and an intelligent peo-
ple.

—It is stated that the only three sur-
vivors of the battle of Stonington,
Conn., are Charles O. Williams, of
Stonington, aged ninety-nine; Henry
Denison, of Ledyard, aged ninety-one,
and Colonel George L. Perkins, of Nor-
wich, aged ninety-six.

—Rear Admiral Shufeldt, U. S. N.,
who has thoroughly studied the sub-
ject, and is a high authority on inter-
oceanic water communication between
the Caribbean and the Pacific, does not
believe that De Lesseps will ever com-
plete the Panama canal. He examined
the work last summer.

—John Howard Payne's "Home,
Sweet Home" was written for an opera.
It was first sung in the Covent Garden
Theater at London, and made a big
hit. One hundred thousand copies
were sold the first year, and by the end
of the second its publishers had cleared
ten thousand dollars from it.—N. Y.
Graphic.

—The Mississippi steamboat men have
a general subscription against all boats
whose names begin with the letter M.
One captain says: "I have never known
a boat on the Western waters that com-
menced with the letter M that has not
either burned up, sunk or been blown
up, or been a financial disaster to her
owners."—St. Louis Globe.

—A countryman in search of a head-
stone for his mother's grave pitched
upon one of the stonecutters prepared
for another person. "I like this one,"
he said. "But," said the other, "that
belongs to another man, and has Mrs.
Perry's name cut upon it, it wouldn't
do for your mother." "Oh, yes, it
would," said the countryman. "She
couldn't read. And, besides," he con-
tinued, "Perry was always a favorite
name of hers."—Boston Journal.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."

—"Ma, did you say that pride goes
before the fall?" "Yes, my son, that's
an old saying." "Then, ma, summer
must be an awfully proud season, be-
cause it always goes before fall."—
Boston Times.

—A wag who thought to have a joke
at the expense of a provision dealer,
asked: "Can you supply me with a
yard of pork?" "Pat," said the dealer
to his assistant, "give this gentleman
three pigs' feet."

—A traveler narrating the wonders
of foreign lands, declared that he had
seen a cane a mile long. "Oh!" said
some. "The idea!" exclaimed others.
"Pray what kind of a cane was it?"
asked one of the company. "It was a
burning cane," said he.

—"Why don't you try something for
your blood?" asked Tom. "I will,"
replied Molecule. "I will triangle." And
he either took down his fishing
rod or joined a minstrel band, we don't
know which would work in best right
here.—Burkington Joke.

—An overgrown, awkward boy, on
a horse for the first time in his life, cut
a sorry figure in the saddle one day re-
cently. "My gracious, Tom!" said his
younger brother, "won't you ought to
get down for a minute and take a good
look at yourself up there."—Golden
Days.

—A thief snatched a pair of boots
from a box in front of a shoe store and
ran. He was caught and taken before
a magistrate. "You're honest," said the
chief, "I took 'em just for a joke."
Justice (to the dealer): "And how far
did he carry the joke?" Shoe dealer:
"About a mile and a half, your hon-
or."

—"You don't call on Miss G. now?"
"No, we've quit." "Quit. What's
the difficulty?" "Oh, her father is too
penurious." "Too penurious. Why he
has the reputation of being particularly
liberal." "Perhaps he has, but he told
me the other evening I'd better leave,
as he couldn't afford to waste shoe
leather on me. It's my private opinion
that that man would skin a flea for its
hide and tallow."—Old City Bazaar.

A pun slithered like a cat's paw in
velvet: "So old Scrape-till is dead at
last," observed David from the interior
of his evening paper, "oceans of
money, too." What did he do with
it?" asked Dora. "Oh, left it here
and there," said David. "That scape-
grace son gets a quarter of a million.
If he doesn't paint the town red now
then I'm a Canadian." "I should
think," mused Dora, softly, as she
helped herself to another needleful of
silk, "I should think anybody with a
quart of vermillion might paint a town
very red, indeed." And David was
astonished that he had put in the
fire and laid a fresh stock of wood in
the very center of the plush-covered
table.—Rockland Courier.

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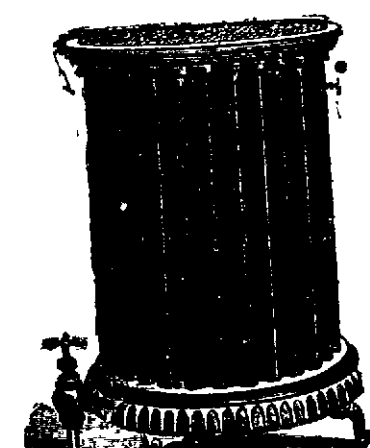
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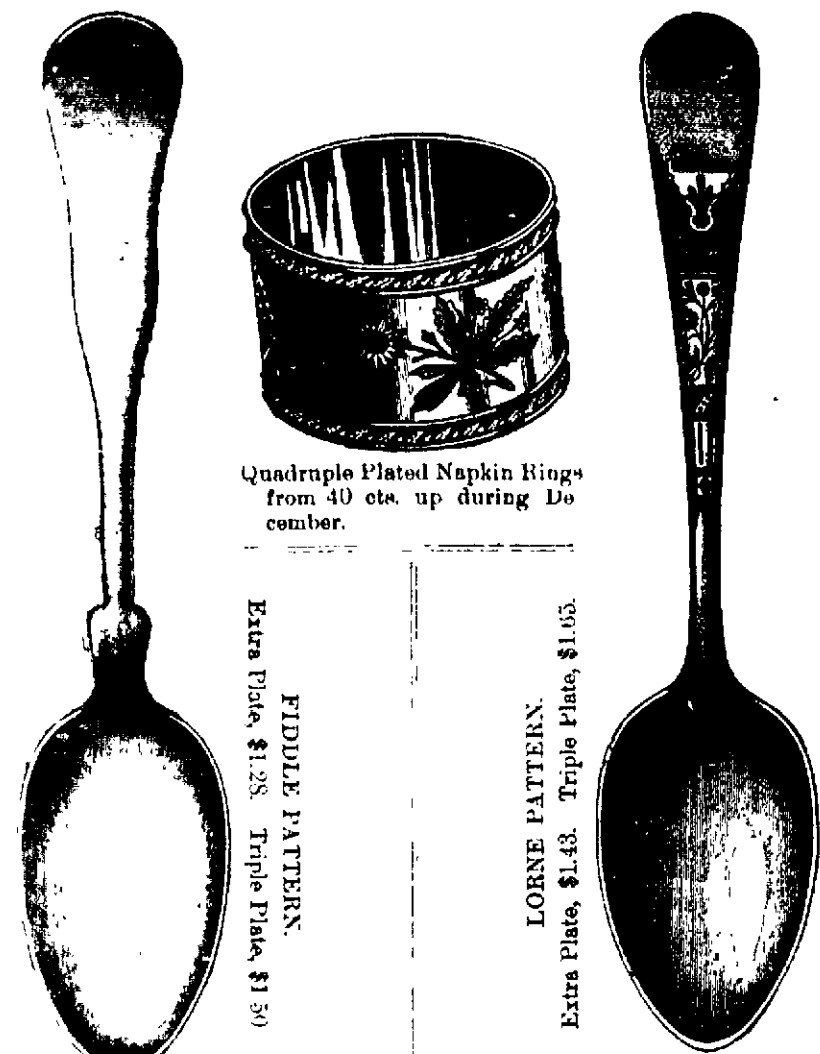
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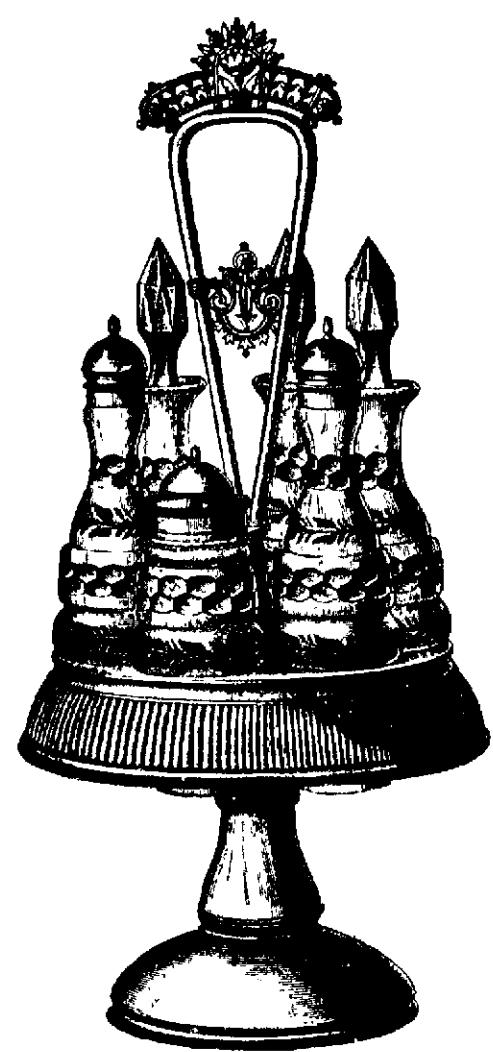
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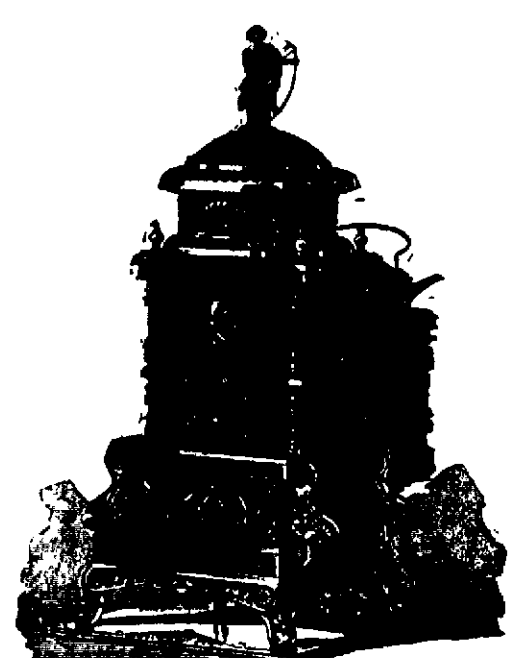
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MONDAY EVENING, DEC 15, 1884.

LOCAL NEWS.

DOLE CARRIAGES, WAGONS and Velocipedes, all styles, sizes and prices, at E. D. BASTONOLINI & Co.'s. "The Oreole" this evening. EPISCOPAL supper and fair Wednesday evening.

More grief before the grand jury this week. The Wabash pay car is expected on the 20th inst. The will of the late John Strohm was filed in the county court to-day.

The price of soft coal in Decatur has been elevated to \$2.25 a ton, the old price. SCHOKER's Bohemian cigars take the lead for nickel smokers.

Who's to be in the field for mayor next spring? Don't all speak at once. About two inches of snow fell Sunday afternoon and evening.

The revival services at Jones' Chapel and at the Bethel will be continued through this week. If you want nice, fresh, dressed poultry, go to Peck & Co.

Moss of that elegant home made "French" candy may be had at the tabernacle Wednesday afternoon and evening. In this issue the Dr. Chenoweth advertisement for rent or sale their old dwelling house and offices, first door east of the new wall front they now occupy.

PETER ULLICH, the grocer, makes a specialty of Frank Siddle's soap. The coroner contest case cannot be considered at the present term of the county court. Mr. Perl did not receive the required 10 days' notice to answer the bill filed by Mr. Edmunda. The summons was not served on Perl until Friday last, a week past the time required for a legal notice.

V. H. PARKER is just receiving his stock of Hard Coal, direct from the mines, Lehigh, Scranton and Lackawanna. Telephone 55. Soft Coal, Lump or Nut at his Feed Store. Will make lowest prices, guarantee quality and weight. Every description of feed. Give him a trial. Coal well screened and dry. Come and see it, adjoining Tabernacle. oct31-100

Rev. Mrs. LENNON, Evangelist of Lower Wabash Conference of the United Brethren church, will preach to-night at the U. B. church. FRESH OYSTERS, direct from Baltimore, by can or dish. None but the best brands, at Marston's restaurant, No. 114 North Water street. nov15-dtf

F. B. CALDWELL has started another enterprise at Lafayette. It is a big roller skating rink, which will be thrown open to the public to-morrow night. Freeley will make it him. For choice groceries go to Peck & Co. Fair dealing to all. dec15-dtf

The heavy fall of snow Sunday afternoon caught the children just as they were going home from the churches, and all were painted white as they entered their homes. In this sort of weather you should have plenty of rugs and mats. Get them at Abel & Lookie's. Ed. J. PIRN has purchased the J. H. Durfee property, on North Church street. The consideration was \$925.

JACOB FRICK, for many years a resident and merchant at Macon, this county, died recently at Carthage, Mo. He went west over a year ago for the benefit of his failing health. Buy Coal and Wood of Geo. Ehrhart. Telephone 139, or leave orders at Armstrong's drug store. nov21-dtf

Next Sabbath will be Centennial Sunday in the Methodist churches of the city. At the First church the contribution will be to pay off the insurance debt of \$350, and every member is expected to chip in a dollar for that purpose. The habitual use of pills is a sure means of ultimately undermining health and causing the foundation for some of the most distressing cases of chronic maladies. Use Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic, a purely vegetable remedy, which tones and regulates the system, enriching the blood, cures all diseases of the stomach, liver, blood and kidneys. Can be taken by the most delicate. 50 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

When you order Decatur Coal of Geo. Ehrhart, you will be sure to get it. Telephone 139. nov15-dtf At the Universalist Church, on Sunday, Rev. Sophia Gibb discoursed on "Doubt and its Results" and "The Mission of Christianity." TELEPHONE Niedermeyer, on the mound, and order good stock left at your homes. IMPORTED gent's Underwear, the finest in the market at B. Stille's. dwt

Choice family flour and superior canned goods at Reeme's grocery store, 733 North Water street. The ladies of the Household of Bethel will give a fair and festival in the council room block on North Main street, Thursday evening, Dec. 18th. Refreshments will be provided in abundance. All are invited. Admission, 10 cents. GENTS' fine Smoking Jackets, to be had only at B. Stille's. dwt

This is the week to secure bargains at C. B. Prescott's music parlor. Learn figures for Haines pianos and Packard organs. This is Gough's 44th year on the platform. No other man has held the position so long, and his services are as highly prized as ever, and his audience are as deeply moved by his tender pathos and his burning and electrifying eloquence as at any time during his career before the American public. Hear him next Thursday night. 15-21

Two Horses, a Barn and Grain Consumed by Fire.

Nelson K. Brown, son of Uncle Frankie Brown, resides seven miles southwest of Decatur in Blue Mound township. Sunday evening soon after 6 o'clock Mr. Brown's large barn was discovered in flames, and in a short time the structure and its contents were entirely consumed, entailing a loss of nearly \$1500.

Mr. Brown and his neighbors did everything possible to save the barn, but they worked at a great disadvantage as they had nothing but buckets of water with which to fight the flames. Two good horses worth \$250, 80 bushels of wheat, a lot of hay, 50 bushels of oats, 500 bushels of corn, and a lot of farming utensils were consumed.

How the barn caught fire is a mystery. It is believed to have been the work of incendiaries, as several strangers were seen in that neighborhood during the day. The Decatur police were notified by telephone to be on the lookout for suspicious looking chaps and arrest them. It is reported that the residence of Mr. Taylor, in the Brown neighborhood, was entered by burglars during Sunday, and a few articles stolen.

PERSONAL MENTION. Dr. J. L. Connelly, of Harnettown, visited the city to-day. Win. Fearn is on duty as a holiday salesman at Lervan's book store. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McDonald, at Harnettown, Sunday night, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Boynton arrived home from Pekin to-day. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hanks, at Harnettown, on Sunday night, a son. Geo. W. Kraft and James Keefe arrived home from Chicago Sunday morning.

D. E. Peck, of Harnettown, is threatened with paralysis, and is quite ill. Helen Blythe and the "Oreole" Combination arrived Sunday morning and registered at the New Deming. Prof. Black, of Tuscola, Sunday night commenced a protracted meeting at the Christian church at Peoria.

J. T. Finley is again on duty as bookkeeper at Young Bros. & Marx's wholesale grocery house. James H. O'Neill, the contracting plumber, is home from Lincoln, Neb. where he has a \$3,000 job. Jimmy is as gay as ever.

Mrs. W. R. Abbott departed for Lafayette to-day to be present at the grand opening of the Caldwell skating rink at that place to-morrow evening. E. McNabb, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Leforge and son, Mrs. J. W. Chenoweth, Mrs. R. H. Piper and daughter will leave the city to-morrow for New Orleans. They will take a steamer at St. Louis.

Edward Clayburgh, manager of the Helen Blythe "Oreole" combination, arrived from Lafayette Sunday morning and registered at the New Deming. The company has been greatly strengthened since its last appearance here and our people may expect a fine treat to-night. Mr. Clayburgh is a thoroughbred and never has a bad party.

One of Mrs. Davis' female boarders at "Idlewild" attempted to kill herself the other night, by the poison route. Report has it that there was a party of bums at the house, all more or less intoxicated, and as the whiskey gave out the woman swallowed a quantity of morphine. It didn't effect her seriously, but a physician was called in to administer an antidote. The episode sobered most of the party, and caused considerable excitement. The woman was probably fined \$50 for her "nonsensical act."

The Decatur Coal Co. would announce to the people of Decatur that they will deliver coal direct from the shaft to any part of the city for \$2.25 per ton. Telephone orders to the coal shaft, or you can leave orders at W. C. Armstrong's drug store. A great many people have been deceived by having inferior coals shipped from other mines palmed off as Decatur coal. Order direct from the shaft or leave orders at Armstrong's drug store, and you will not be deceived. The Coal Co. will not sell coal to any dealer handling other coal. 15-21

The investigation of the cash account of I. A. Buckingham, former prosecuting attorney for the county, is still in progress. The work was delegated by the present board to three supervisors, the present state's attorney and the county superintendent of schools. "We are always on deck with the street cars," called out Supt. Kinney, of the Citizens' line this morning; and despite the snow and freeze-up of last night, the cars are running to-day as usual from the depot out West Main street.

MR. HENRY W. WAGGONER has been appointed administrator of the estate of David Kretzer, deceased. He will be required to file a bond in the sum of \$35,000. MASONIC. Special communication of Ionic Lodge, No. 312, A. F. and A. M., this (Monday) evening for work. By order of F. M. YOUNG, W. M. J. C. HOSSTETLER, Sec.

The first choice of Decatur Democrats for U. S. Senator seems to be Gen. John M. Palmer, but what good will the "choice" do them? The chances are that Dick Oglesby will make the selection and the probabilities are that the Black Eagle will be his own successor. TANNING open Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Admission, 10 cents. Aprons daily, pure and white. With their historic ribbons bright. Come and buy them Wednesday night.

Letter from George Staro. Mr. and Mrs. George Staro and daughter have been in Pennsylvania for some weeks visiting various points. Mr. Staro writes the REPUBLICAN under date of Dec. 12, from Chambersburg, as follows: "A few lines to you to let you know where we are at present. We are now at Chambersburg, the town that the Johnnies burned down in 1864, and now she is a beautiful city. The whole business part of town is rebuilt, and the brick buildings, three stories high. The court house is an ornament to the city. The city square here would be an ornament to Decatur. The fountain is a beautiful and handsome one, and the streets are some of the handsomest we have seen since we left Illinois. It is quite a manufacturing town, and a beautiful residence. The city lies in the beautiful valley of the Cumberland, on the Conococheague creek. The farmers here had very good crops this year. About Hagerstown and Martinsburg the crops have been very light on account of the drought. Hagerstown will soon become a railroad center like Decatur. It has six roads already, and the town is important. The "Alleghenies" were capped with snow. Hooking, of Ohio, is a rough country, poor soil; wheat is just coming up; fall wheat looks poor here. Corn is 65 cents per bushel here."

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Manager Ewald, of the Western Union Telegraph office, received word from the houses at Chicago to cut down the running expenses of the Decatur office as much as possible, and he was specially directed to shut off the further use of gas.

The manager has purchased six large lamps for the tables, and the gas is shut off. The lamps cost \$10, and the oil will cost a dollar a month. The gas expense has been \$4 to \$5 a month. The operators say they prefer the lamps to the gas light. Several firms in Decatur have cut down the wages of their clerks 10 to 20 per cent.

A Little Wreck. Sunday a box car of a freight train jumped the track on the Wabash railway, near the Church street trolley, the wheels tearing up several of the rails. The accident caused a good deal of extra work, and finally the car was righted and the track cleared.

Cora, the Oreole, To-Night. Miss Helen Blythe certainly lacks not for commendation. Such papers as the New Orleans Times-Democrat praise her acting in the mad and death scenes as the perfection of art. The Boston Post says she is the best Cora that ever trod the boards; the Cleveland Leader says her portrayal of the title role is a masterpiece of acting; the Houston Post says the company is the best that ever visited that city; the New York Herald says: "She is the youngest leading lady in New York and a prime favorite." The company is now in the city and will appear to-night.

Died at Lincoln. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Summers died this (Monday) morning at three o'clock at Lincoln. The child was six weeks old. Tunes Titus Again. The Chicago papers took up another bad story about ex-Rev. Tunes Titus Kendrick, who at one time had friends in Decatur whom he counted by the score. His career here while the pastor of the "free church," or opera house congregation, is familiar to all readers of the REPUBLICAN, and the fact that he left Decatur leaving not a few confiding creditors to mourn his departure, is also generally known. Through the medium of the Chicago Times, the Police News and other publications, we have occasionally heard of him, and now the story is afloat that he has swindled George D. Thornhill, of Xenia, Ohio, out of \$16,000. It was the old invalid spring bed patent scheme, Thornhill giving Kendrick notes to the amount of \$16,000 for the right to make and sell the patent. Kendrick agreed not to sell the notes until Thornhill had realized the sum of the purchase money; but the scheme goes on to state that Kendrick's notes were sold to Logansport, Ind., and bought a \$10,000 farm of a man with whom he negotiated the Thornhill notes. Then Kendrick sold the farm for cash, and suddenly left for parts unknown and pastures new. The Logansport man has been trying to sell the Thornhill notes at Xenia, and it was in this way that Kendrick's latest dodge came to light. The matter will go into the courts. At this distance it looks as if Thornhill will have to stand the racket and make his notes good. In the meantime, Kendrick will out a swell in some quarter where he is unknown, get the confidence of those with whom he will mingle and make another trade. There are judgments in the court here against Tunes in favor of New York parties for an amount a little under \$1,000. Judgment was given by default.

There is to be a fancy dress skating carnival at the tabernacle on the evening of the 27th. Prizes will be given by E. C. Reece and Mueller & Son to the couple wearing the finest costumes. Mr. OLIVE Coal makes no clinkers either in stoves or open grates. Mt. Olive Coal is very free from slate and sulphur. Mt. Olive Coal costs no more than the inferior grades offered in this market. Mt. Olive Coal—either lump or nut—is sold only by R. McCRELLAND, Dec. 15—dtf Telephone 21.

Tunes tried and true is Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure, which combines the good qualities of all the best cough remedies, and cures the fastest of any of them. It cures promptly and permanently coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, influenza, bronchitis, hoarseness, incipient consumption, and all throat and lung diseases, and breaks up colds, fevers and inflammatory attacks. Price, 50 cents and \$1. Trial bottles free. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner. 2

The Wabash folks claim that they have been misrepresented on the coal question by one of the Decatur papers. They want it understood that they stand ready to duplicate the price of coal for Decatur consumers at whatever price that may be fixed by the coal shaft. Mr. Knight says: "If the Decatur shaft sells coal at \$1.50 or \$1.75 a ton, the Wabash will meet the cost any time."

A HAPPY combination of best Grape Brandy, Smartweed, Jamaica Ginger and Compound Water, Dr. Pierce's Compound Extract of Smartweed, cures cholera morbus, Diarrhoea, dysentery or bloody-tin, colic or cramps in stomach, and breaks up colds, fevers and inflammatory attacks. Price, 50 cents and \$1. Trial bottles free. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner. 2

Basket Sociable. The ladies of the Baptist Church will give a basket sociable at the residence of Mrs. John Freeman, on West Main street, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16. An interesting programme will be observed, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. Y. M. C. A. Regular Board meeting to-night at 7 o'clock. The finance committee meets with the Board.

Mr. Brett will meet the gymnasium boys to-night at 7 o'clock. He will also be on hand to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock when two classes will be formed—the one for beginners, the other for advanced performers. The German class meets to-night at 8 o'clock. President G. E. Morehouse is again in the city and expects to be present at the Board meeting to-night. The gospel meeting at the rooms yesterday was led by Prof. Evans, and was a most interesting meeting. The attendance was good for the day.

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MONDAY, DEC. 15.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

Henry Deauro vs. George Nolin et al.; trespass. Verdict of jury \$5 for plaintiff, and judgment for that amount. The trespass case of J. R. Bradshaw vs. Pacific Express Co., was dismissed by plaintiff. In the assumpsit case of Moore & Ball vs. W. H. Crossman, leave was granted to the one additional plea. Joanna L. Perdue vs. Amel L. Smith; trespass on the case. Suit dismissed by plaintiff, each party to pay half the costs. Sam E. Smith vs. A. F. White and W. W. Wilhelm; set fa. Default taken against White.

CHANCERY DOCKET. James I. Kitchner vs. Edward Bailey et al.; injunction. Denied for want of prosecution and injunction dissolved. J. L. Kitchner et al. vs. H. C. Howard and W. W. Foster; injunction. Same order as above. Laura E. Largo vs. Martin Largo; divorce. Decree pro confesso. Edna A. Sheppard vs. Edwin A. Sheppard; divorce. Proof of publication made, and rule on defendant to answer by third Wednesday of term. Margaret A. Love vs. W. A. Love; divorce. Evidence heard by court, and decree granted. Sarah Daly vs. Harry Daly et al.; partition. Decree entered to bill. James F. Hatch et al. vs. Jacob Spangler; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso and return to master. Hannah K. Phares vs. John A. Phares; divorce. In the case of Mary K. Ritter et al. vs. W. A. Bradley et al.; and A. J. Cook vs. M. Ruby et al., the rules to answer were extended to the third Saturday. In the case of Walter Pope vs. John Shilde et al., the rule to answer was extended to the third Wednesday.

The Criminal Cases. Judge Smith has set the call of cases on the criminal docket for Monday, January 5th, when there will be a general round-up in court of all local offenders in jail who may wish to plead guilty and go up the road to Joliet in a hurry. The more important cases to be tried are those against John Thomas, John Austin and Lewis Rankin. Jesse Austin may have his trial at this term of the court.

"Two Johns." Negotiations have been pending for some time to secure the popular "Two Johns" comedy company for one performance in Decatur and have met with success. The "Two Johns" comedy company consists of several clever comedians headed by the old-timers, John Stewart and John Hart, several young and pretty ladies, and an excellent singing comedy company, who can create more fun in the short space of two and one-half hours than one can readily imagine. They introduce during the action of the play many solos, duets, quartets, gems from opera, etc. This is a very pleasing feature of their entertainment and one that lovers of good music should not fail to make a note of, at the opera house Wednesday evening.

Sermon at the Baptist Church. In spite of the severe storm last night the Baptist church was well filled. Dr. Voeuburg took for his text Ruth 1:15. In speaking of God's helping men to make a right choice, he said: "If there is any time in a man's life when he needs divine help it is that hour in which he stands by some cross-road of life and is in doubt as to which road to choose. If I did not believe from the depths of my soul that God helped men at such a time, then I would never preach another sermon. If there is one point upon which the Bible is more explicit than any other it is just this, that God is a present help in time of trouble; that He walks by our side like a great loving father, aiding us in all that is right and holding us back from all that is wrong. Yet there are thousands who by their belief banish God from the world and lock Him up in heaven. This is a serious mistake. If there is one place in the universe above every other that needs God it is this world, where there is so much ignorance and sin and suffering. Heaven would not be heaven without God, and yet it seems to me I will not need Him so much as I do to help me untold His Gospel. The poor widow and her child that died last night, and through Christ passed into heaven, do not need Him so much as that widow and child that died and who are left to battle with the world. The old octogenarian, with head like the almond tree in bloom, who folded his hands yesterday in the last sleep and went to the City of God on high, does not need Him so much as the young man who yesterday kissed his mother good-bye and left the home of his childhood and went to some of the great cities of earth to be tried and tempted as in struggles for a name and a place among his fellow men. God is here in this world. He is in this house to-night, and if there is one soul here that is troubled and perplexed and if you will but call upon Him for help He will aid you; when you think of God do not place Him forever among useless angels, but think of Him as by the side of the care-worn and weary ones of earth."

A REMARKABLE consignment passed over the Wabash recently. It consisted of 260 cases and bales of cocoons, or silk worm eggs, the total weight of which was 19,844 pounds. The consignment was handled by the Pacific Express company, and the charges from San Francisco to Fort Wayne, where they were transferred, amounted to \$1,316.95. This valuable cargo is from the house of Kaitus Sha, of San Francisco, and goes part to New York and part to Havre, France.

MRS. JOHN FREEMAN, at 357 West Main street, will entertain the ladies and friends of the Baptist Aid Society. All are invited to attend.

THE members of Eureka Assembly 1773, Knights of Labor, will give a ball at their hall in Commercial Block, on the evening of December 30th. Tickets may be had of the committee.

DRAMATIC READING AND—MUSICAL SOIREE. The following programme will be rendered on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, at the tabernacle: 1. Piano Solo—Miss M. A. Rush. 2. Kentucky Ball—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 3. The Merry Widow—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 4. Sister and I—Miss Birdie Bush. 5. Karl's Lullaby Song—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 6. Spanish to the Gladiators—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 7. Santa's Letter—Miss Grace Fielder. 8. Vocal Solo, "When Sparrows Build" (a duet)—Miss Clara Ryan. 9. "Rock of Ages"—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 10. My Darling—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 11. Home and Juliet, a duet—Grace Fielder. 12. Harvest Time—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 13. The Baron's Last Banquet—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 14. German Recitation, Blamark—Wm. Carter. 15. Duetto Sonata Op. 127 (Schubert)—Andante and Allegro—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 16. Nocturne, Op. 9, No. 3—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 17. Corine's Song—Miss Grace Fielder. 18. My Darling—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 19. Banjo Solo, Regimental March—J. B. Burrows. 20. Mary Queen of Scots—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 21. Quartette for violins (Bach)—Miss Minnie Baldwin. 22. Meers, J. B. Burrows, J. Alexander, L. Michl, and H. Dillehunt.

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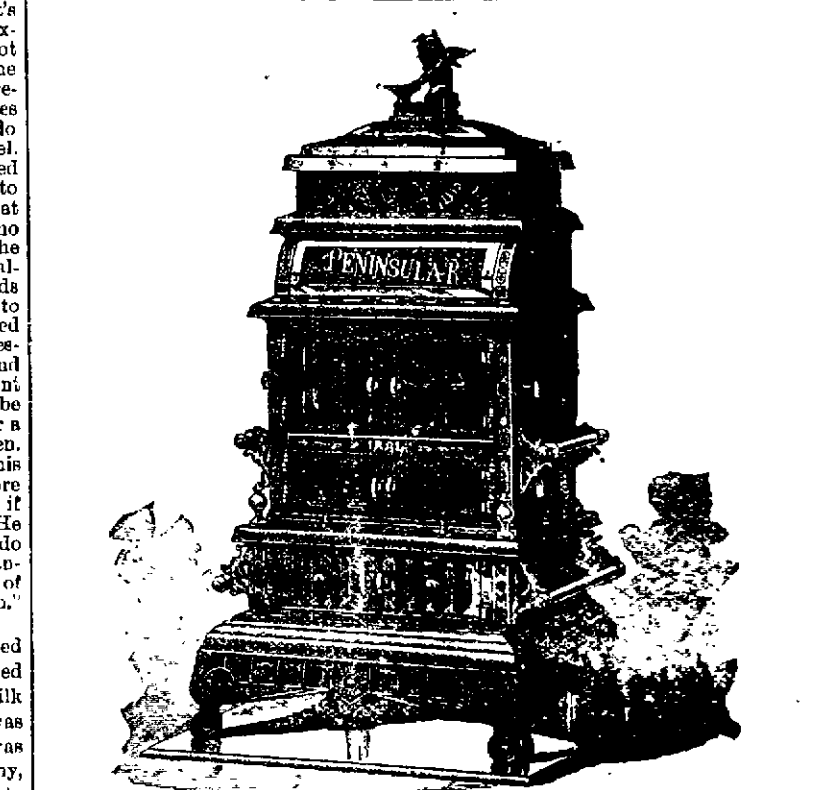
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